Step to Prevent deportation of Tamil refugees from Switzerland to Sri Lanka

1606.SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to prevent the deportation of Tamil refugees from Switzerland to Sri Lanka; and

(b) what is the response of the Government of Switzerland in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) While the question of deportation of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees from Switzerland to Sri Lanka concerns mainly the Governments of Switzerland and Sri Lanka, we have in our discussions with Swiss authorities informed them of our views. The Swiss Government have taken note of these views.

Modernisation of N.T.C. Mills in Madhya Pradesh

1607. SHRI P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Kalyan Mills, Indore (N.T.C. mill) in the warping department, the old semi-high speed machine was giving an average production of 40,000 per shift before 1983 but after modernisation in Febrauary, 1987 (first week), the new high speed machine gave an average production of only about 34,000 per shift;

(b) if so, whether such modernisation effort is wasteful and accordingly whether Government propose to fix responsibility for such a serious lapse to punish the concerned officials; and

(c) what is the amount spent on modernisation by the N.T.C. on their textile mills in Madhya Pradesh so far and what increase in production and efficiency has been achieved by these investments, mill-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. According to available information, no new high speed warping machine was installed in Kalyanmal mills after July, 1980. The average production of these warping machines in February, 1987 was 42,507 yards per shift as compared to 31,474 yards in 1982-83.

(c) Till the end of September, 1986 an amount of Rs. 29.42 crores has been spent on modernisation of textile units under NTC (MP). As a result of modernisation, the performance of the mills under NTC (MP) has improved. The technical para-meters for the period 1975-76vis-a-vis 1985-86 is given below:—

Particulars	1975-76	1985-86
Average Count	21.4s	29s
Spinning utilisation (%)	78.7	75.2
Weaving utilisation (%)	73.1	80.7
Spinning productivity (40s conv.)	53.8 gms.	68.9 gms.
Loom Productivity Index (L.P.I.)	219	222